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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-15 and 19-23 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-21 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 November 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 6/20/08, with respect to newly submitted claim(s) 19-23 have been fully considered and are persuasive. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Ahrikencheikh U.S. PGPub 2004/0031000.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 19-21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ahrikencheikh U.S. PGPub 2004/0031000.

4. Regarding claim 19, Ahrikencheikh discloses a support place position determination method of determining positions of support places where a backup device provided in one or each of plural electronic component mounting apparatuses supports a board at a support surface on a reverse side of a component mounting surface in mounting electronic components on the board (Fig. 1; pg. 9, ¶92), the method comprising: a support place position determination step of designating and determining the positions of the support places of the backup device, the support places including at least one flexure preventing support place for preventing the flexure of the board and at least one particular component support place for supporting a particular electronic

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component for which precise mounting is required (pg. 3, ¶43-44; pg. 9, ¶92); wherein the support place position determination step includes inputting information for setting each support place of the backup device to either the at least one flexure preventing support place or the at least one particular component support place (pg. 4, ¶52-55).

Regarding claim 20, Ahrikencheikh discloses the support place position determination method as set forth in Claim 19, wherein the backup device is provided for preventing the board from being flexed or warped by its gravity and for supporting the at least one particular electronic component which is required to be positioned precisely (pg. 3, ¶43-44).

Regarding claim 21, Ahrikencheikh discloses the support place position determination method as set forth in Claim 19, wherein inputting the informing includes: a support object component correlating step of correlating a support place which is set to the particular component support place at the support place position determination step, with information about a particular electronic component to be supported at the particular component support place (pg. 4 and 5, ¶58-59).

Regarding claim 23, Ahrikencheikh discloses a support place position determination device provided in an electronic component mounting apparatus for determining positions of support places where a backup device of the electronic component mounting apparatus supports a board at a reverse side of a component mounting surface in mounting electronic components on the board (Fig. 1; pg. 9, ¶92), the support place position determination device comprising: support place position determination means for designating and determining the positions of the support places supported by the backup device, the support places including at least one flexure preventing support place for preventing the flexure of the board and at least one particular

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component support place for supporting a particular electronic component for which precise mounting is required (pg. 3, ¶43-44; pg. 9, ¶92); wherein the support place position determination means includes: setting means for setting each support place supported by the backup device to either the at least one flexure preventing support place or the at least one particular component support place (pg. 4, ¶52-55), and storage means for storing information about the particular electronic component to be supported at the particular component support place (pg. 4, ¶51-53).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 10-15 allowed.
6. Claim 22 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHARLES R. KASENGE whose telephone number is (571)272-3743. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on 571 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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